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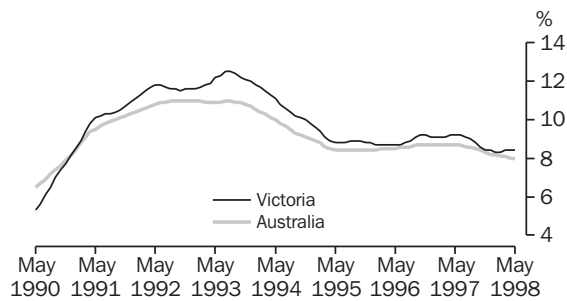
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ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION	<p>The aim of this publication is to provide a range of the latest statistics available at the end of each month of issue. Consequently, the dates and periods shown are not always the same for each table, but are in each case the latest figures available at that time.</p>
SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT	<p>Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals e.g. Christmas and Easter.</p>
TREND ESTIMATE	<p>Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by removing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months' data become available.</p>
CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE	<p>With the exception of preliminary data, estimates of births and deaths are included by State or Territory of usual residence and year of occurrence. For preliminary estimates, births and deaths are included by State or Territory of usual residence and year of registration. Prior to this issue some births and deaths data (Table 2) were presented by State or Territory of registration and year of registration.</p>
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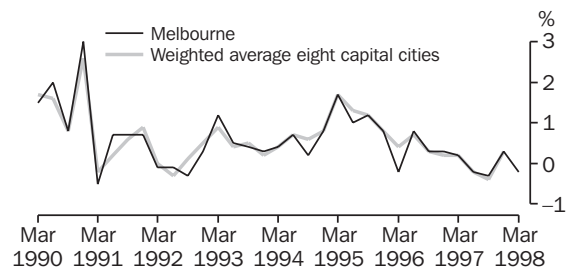
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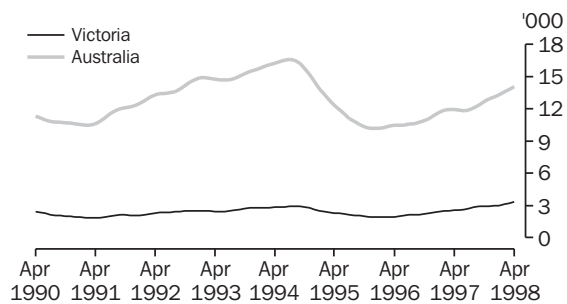
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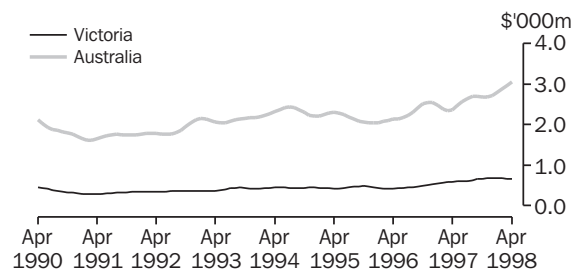
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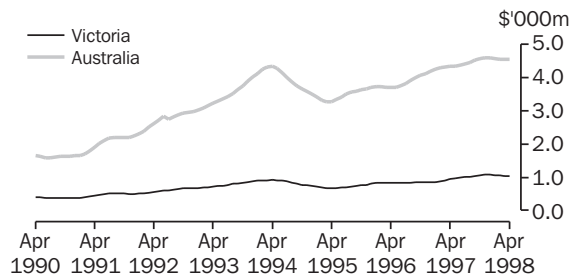
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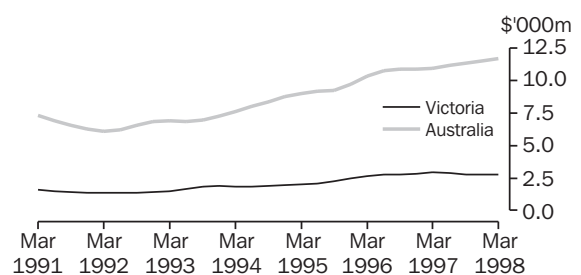
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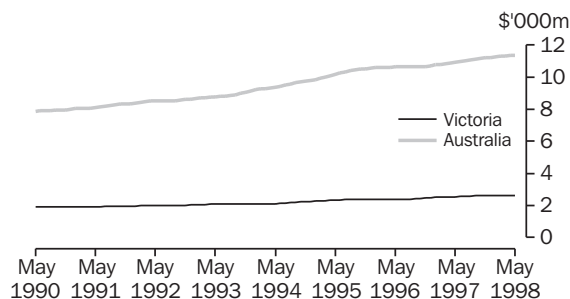
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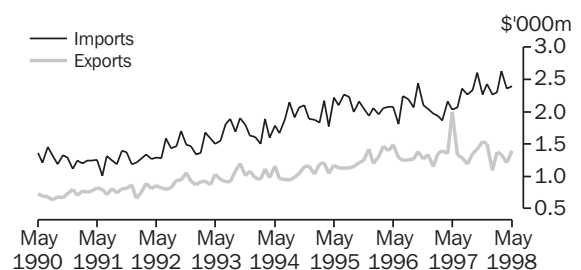
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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

Period	At end of period			Increase during period		Melbourne Statistical Division at 30 June(a)
	Males	Females	Persons	Natural	Total	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1994-95	2 233.4	2 284.0	4 517.4	31.3	28.6	3 243.7
1995-96	2 252.6	2 307.5	4 560.2	28.5	42.8	3 283.3
1996-97 p	2 274.3	2 330.9	4 605.1	28.3	45.0	3 321.7
1996						
September qtr p	2 257.8	2 313.2	4 571.0	6.3	10.9	..
December qtr p	2 262.5	2 318.8	4 581.3	7.1	10.2	..
1997						
March qtr p	2 269.9	2 326.2	4 596.1	7.6	14.8	..
June qtr p	2 274.3	2 330.9	4 605.1	7.3	9.1	..
September qtr p	2 280.4	2 337.0	4 617.4	6.4	12.3	..
December qtr p	2 284.9	2 342.4	4 627.3	7.7	9.8	—

(a) Based on the 1996 Statistical Local Area boundaries.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations				Annual rate per 1,000 of mean estimated resident population				
	Births	Deaths (including infant deaths)	Marriages	Divorces	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces	Infant deaths per 1,000 live births
	no.	no.	no.	no.	rate	rate	rate	rate	rate
1994-95	63 617	32 271	26 831	11 602	14.14	7.17	5.96	2.58	4.95
1995-96	61 324	32 827	26 117	12 002	13.51	7.23	5.75	2.64	5.30
1996-97 p	61 187	32 876	25 664	13 045	13.36	7.18	5.60	2.85	4.53
1996									
September qtr	15 545	9 214	3 840	3 530	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr	14 987	7 852	7 723	3 398	..	..	..	..	..
Year—1996	60 751	32 901	26 074	12 491	13.32	7.21	5.72	2.74	5.20
1997									
March qtr p	15 012	7 434	8 102	2 809	..	..	..	..	..
June qtr p	15 643	8 376	5 999	3 308	..	..	..	..	..
September qtr p	15 671	9 225	3 814	3 164	..	..	..	..	..
December qtr	15 595	7 908	7 538	3 182	—	—	—	—	—
Year—1997	61 921	32 943	25 453	12 463	13.45	7.15	5.53	2.71	4.88

Source: Demography, Victoria (Cat. no. 3311.2) (annual). Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0) (quarterly).

LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER

Month	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed looking for work</i>			<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population 15 years and over</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	<i>Full-time Total</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Full-time</i>	<i>Part-time</i>	<i>Total</i>					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES										
1997										
March	1 037.5	1 184.1	104.8	20.0	124.8	1 308.9	463.9	1 772.9	9.5	73.8
April	1 044.3	1 186.3	97.1	19.3	116.5	1 302.8	472.0	1 774.8	8.9	73.4
May	1 040.9	1 183.3	101.9	13.8	115.7	1 299.0	477.7	1 776.7	8.9	73.1
June	1 033.1	1 182.8	104.0	15.8	119.8	1 302.6	476.0	1 778.6	9.2	73.2
July	1 039.7	1 185.2	98.3	14.0	112.3	1 297.5	483.0	1 780.6	8.7	72.9
August	1 022.4	1 168.7	100.2	15.2	115.4	1 284.0	498.5	1 782.5	9.0	72.0
September	1 037.0	1 189.1	100.8	22.6	123.5	1 312.6	471.9	1 784.5	9.4	73.6
October	1 043.0	1 195.9	85.9	15.2	101.1	1 297.0	489.5	1 786.5	7.8	72.6
November	1 048.8	1 194.0	89.5	15.4	104.8	1 298.8	489.6	1 788.4	8.1	72.6
December	1 064.4	1 220.2	86.4	23.1	109.5	1 329.7	460.7	1 790.4	8.2	74.3
1998										
January	1 054.8	1 185.7	102.0	20.4	122.4	1 308.1	484.2	1 792.2	9.4	73.0
February	1 065.0	1 202.5	96.1	20.6	116.7	1 319.2	474.8	1 794.0	8.8	73.5
March	1 055.8	1 206.2	97.6	19.3	116.9	1 323.1	472.7	1 795.8	8.8	73.7
April	1 060.8	1 212.6	90.2	18.4	108.5	1 321.1	476.8	1 798.0	8.2	73.5
May	1 060.1	1 217.7	93.7	16.0	109.7	1 327.4	472.7	1 800.1	8.3	73.7
FEMALES										
1997										
March	501.2	904.3	63.3	32.5	95.8	1 000.1	851.0	1 851.1	9.6	54.0
April	503.8	914.2	63.0	30.4	93.4	1 007.7	845.4	1 853.1	9.3	54.4
May	503.7	907.5	61.9	30.8	92.7	1 000.2	854.9	1 855.1	9.3	53.9
June	512.1	921.1	60.6	27.0	87.6	1 008.8	848.3	1 857.1	8.7	54.3
July	523.1	917.8	56.3	25.7	82.0	999.8	859.3	1 859.0	8.2	53.8
August	498.5	891.5	57.8	29.0	86.7	978.2	882.7	1 861.0	8.9	52.6
September	520.4	932.9	59.1	29.0	88.1	1 021.0	841.9	1 862.9	8.6	54.8
October	511.9	916.1	55.4	27.3	82.8	998.8	866.0	1 864.8	8.3	53.6
November	505.6	922.1	53.2	26.5	79.7	1 001.8	865.0	1 866.8	8.0	53.7
December	530.2	934.8	55.9	26.3	82.2	1 016.9	851.8	1 868.7	8.1	54.4
1998										
January	513.3	893.6	60.9	28.5	89.4	983.0	887.4	1 870.5	9.1	52.6
February	526.6	387.3	62.9	27.9	90.8	1 004.6	867.5	1 872.2	9.0	53.7
March	520.0	925.3	61.0	32.6	93.5	1 018.9	855.0	1 873.9	9.2	54.4
April	531.2	937.5	57.4	29.0	86.3	1 023.8	852.4	1 867.2	8.4	54.6
May	522.7	935.1	55.3	24.4	79.6	1 014.7	863.7	1 878.4	7.8	54.0
PERSONS										
1997										
March	1 538.7	2 088.4	168.1	52.5	220.6	2 309.0	1 315.0	3 624.0	9.6	63.7
April	1 548.1	2 100.6	160.2	49.7	209.9	2 310.5	1 317.4	3 627.9	9.1	63.7
May	1 544.6	2 090.8	163.8	44.7	208.4	2 299.2	1 332.6	3 631.8	9.1	63.3
June	1 545.2	2 103.9	164.6	42.9	207.5	2 311.4	1 324.4	3 635.7	9.0	63.6
July	1 562.8	2 103.0	154.6	39.7	194.3	2 297.3	1 342.3	3 639.6	8.5	63.1
August	1 520.9	2 060.2	157.9	44.2	202.1	2 262.3	1 381.2	3 643.5	8.9	62.1
September	1 557.5	2 122.1	159.9	51.7	211.6	2 333.6	1 313.8	3 647.4	9.1	64.0
October	1 554.8	2 111.9	141.1	42.5	183.9	2 295.8	1 355.5	3 651.3	8.0	62.9
November	1 554.4	2 116.1	142.7	41.8	184.5	2 300.6	1 354.6	3 655.2	8.0	62.9
December	1 594.6	2 155.0	142.3	49.3	191.7	2 346.7	1 312.5	3 659.2	8.2	64.1
1998										
January	1 568.1	2 079.3	162.8	48.9	211.8	2 291.1	1 371.6	3 662.7	9.2	62.6
February	1 591.6	2 116.3	159.0	48.5	207.5	2 323.8	1 342.4	3 666.2	8.9	63.4
March	1 575.8	2 131.6	158.5	51.9	210.4	2 342.0	1 327.7	3 669.7	9.0	63.8
April	1 592.0	2 150.0	147.6	47.3	194.9	2 344.9	1 329.2	3 674.1	8.3	63.8
May	1 582.8	2 152.8	149.0	40.3	189.3	2 342.1	1 336.4	3 678.5	8.1	63.7

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY

	Feb 1997	May 1997	Aug 1997	Nov 1997	Feb 1998	May 1998
<i>Industry division</i>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
MALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	79.0	70.2	58.7	55.9	68.0	62.1
Mining	*3.3	*3.0	*2.5	*3.2	*3.1	*3.6
Manufacturing	255.3	253.0	249.8	250.3	247.5	242.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	10.4	12.4	13.4	9.9	11.6	12.6
Construction	106.7	104.9	110.9	115.9	121.6	128.6
Wholesale trade	84.9	92.4	—	88.0	92.1	104.6
Retail trade	158.2	157.5	150.6	158.4	159.7	150.7
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	32.0	35.2	37.0	37.6	31.9	39.4
Transport and storage	73.9	78.4	74.8	73.5	82.9	79.0
Communication services	25.8	25.2	24.5	22.4	22.1	22.2
Finance and insurance	36.2	43.3	42.8	46.3	42.3	40.0
Property and business services	117.8	121.3	130.8	130.7	130.1	134.8
Government administration and defence	39.0	33.4	29.2	38.4	37.4	36.1
Education	47.8	47.6	48.4	52.9	49.1	49.9
Health and community services	38.5	35.6	37.5	39.7	36.4	40.1
Cultural and recreational services	26.5	21.5	25.8	28.3	28.2	26.3
Personal and other services	45.6	48.4	47.0	42.5	38.3	45.5
Total	1 180.9	1 183.3	1 168.7	1 194.0	1 202.5	1 217.7
FEMALES						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	34.1	35.2	28.0	30.8	35.4	31.8
Mining	*0.5	*0.0	*0.0	*0.3	*0.3	*0.3
Manufacturing	97.5	95.7	93.7	107.4	95.2	97.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	*2.9	*2.1	*1.8	*1.9	*2.6	*2.9
Construction	14.6	14.1	15.0	15.8	16.5	13.6
Wholesale trade	38.5	41.4	38.1	41.5	39.5	40.6
Retail trade	156.3	151.3	150.0	157.8	160.5	156.5
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	45.6	49.9	49.0	47.9	46.3	49.3
Transport and storage	25.1	23.9	18.1	18.7	19.8	18.2
Communication services	17.4	14.0	16.8	15.9	14.2	12.4
Finance and insurance	44.6	49.8	47.8	42.2	40.5	48.1
Property and business services	91.4	94.6	107.6	101.5	105.3	108.3
Government administration and defence	44.3	41.7	39.3	41.9	34.1	35.9
Education	84.7	89.2	90.7	89.0	85.9	95.5
Health and community services	147.0	145.1	144.7	148.9	158.2	160.6
Cultural and recreational services	23.2	21.9	19.4	25.3	21.8	26.0
Personal and other services	35.4	39.6	31.4	35.0	37.9	37.1
Total	903.0	907.5	891.5	922.1	913.8	935.1
PERSONS						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	113.1	103.4	86.8	86.7	103.4	93.9
Mining	*3.8	*3.0	*2.5	*3.6	*3.4	*3.9
Manufacturing	352.7	348.7	343.5	357.7	342.6	340.4
Electricity, gas and water supply	13.3	14.5	15.2	11.9	14.2	15.6
Construction	121.4	119.0	125.9	131.7	138.1	142.2
Wholesale trade	123.4	133.8	123.1	129.5	131.6	145.2
Retail trade	314.5	308.8	300.5	316.2	320.2	307.2
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	77.6	85.1	86.0	85.5	78.1	88.7
Transport and storage	99.0	102.3	92.9	92.2	102.8	97.2
Communication services	43.2	39.1	41.3	38.3	36.3	34.6
Finance and insurance	80.8	93.1	90.6	88.5	82.8	88.1
Property and business services	209.1	215.9	238.5	232.2	235.4	243.0
Government administration and defence	83.3	75.1	68.5	80.3	71.5	72.0
Education	132.5	136.8	139.0	142.0	135.0	145.4
Health and community services	185.5	180.7	182.2	188.6	194.6	200.7
Cultural and recreational services	49.7	43.4	45.2	53.6	50.0	52.3
Personal and other services	81.0	88.0	78.4	77.6	76.2	82.6
Total	2 084.0	2 090.8	2 060.2	2 116.1	2 116.3	2 152.8

Source: Labour Force, Victoria (Cat. no. 6202.2) (quarterly).

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JOB VACANCIES

Month	Vacancies all persons '000	Industry		Sector		Job vacancy rate %
		Manufacturing	Other	Public	Private	
1997						
February	12.8	*3.3	9.5	1.7	*11.1	0.75
May	11.5	*2.1	9.4	1.9	9.6	0.66
August	17.4	1.5	15.8	2.4	*14.9	0.97
November	*17.9	1.1	*16.8	2.3	*15.6	*0.97
1998						
February	24.0	*2.5	21.5	1.8	*22.1	1.20
May	20.2	2.2	18.0	1.5	18.7	1.00

Source: Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0) (quarterly). Quarterly Survey of Job Vacancies and Overtime (Unpublished data).

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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Month	Disputes		Employees involved		Working days lost				
	Beginning in period no.	Total no.	Beginning in period '000	Total '000	Manufacturing '000	Construction '000	Education, health, community services '000	Other industries '000	Total '000
1997									
January	3	5	0.9	1.4	—	1.1	—	0.1	1.1
February	6	7	9.9	10.3	—	3.0	7.7	—	10.7
March	8	8	8.8	8.8	0.5	2.3	—	5.3	8.1
April	11	12	4.7	5.1	9.2	1.5	—	0.5	11.2
May	16	19	7.6	9.8	11.6	0.6	0.4	3.9	16.5
June	7	13	2.0	5.1	3.5	0.2	1.2	2.5	7.4
July	11	14	9.0	9.4	2.3	0.5	—	7.2	10.0
August	11	14	1.9	4.0	0.2	0.9	0.3	4.0	5.4
September	14	18	4.8	7.3	11.2	1.0	0.1	6.0	18.3
October	10	12	52.8	53.7	33.7	18.6	1.2	6.6	60.1
November	8	13	22.1	46.6	18.9	10.4	14.8	2.0	46.0
December	6	11	4.0	17.2	9.4	3.7	—	4.2	17.3
1998									
January	5	7	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.3	1.5
February	8	10	17.2	17.6	7.8	1.3	14.3	4.0	27.4
March	6	11	5.7	14.1	5.4	14.7	4.4	0.5	25.0

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0) (monthly).

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1996									
November	720.30	791.80	686.50	607.10	625.80	443.80	681.20	734.50	577.50
1997									
February	726.60	782.50	687.70	611.90	625.90	462.40	687.70	729.40	590.00
May	736.90	789.10	676.20	618.50	636.70	453.90	693.90	733.80	572.70
August	754.20	812.70	695.20	625.80	643.40	460.40	708.10	751.90	587.20
November	748.50	807.60	714.90	632.90	653.10	463.60	708.10	753.60	600.60
1998									
February	762.20	823.10	722.00	634.90	650.70	477.70	716.80	761.60	610.40

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0) (quarterly).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MELBOURNE

Melbourne										Weighted average of eight capital cities—All groups
Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups	
1994–95	110.1	107.4	97.5	111.1	118.8	137.3	142.4	116.7	114.1	113.9
1995–96	114.1	108.0	101.4	113.0	122.6	154.2	148.7	120.3	118.4	118.7
1996–97	118.6	108.4	95.0	114.7	124.0	158.5	157.1	123.3	119.9	120.3
1996										
December qtr	118.4	108.4	96.7	114.9	124.1	158.0	155.3	122.0	119.9	120.3
1997										
March qtr	118.8	108.1	93.5	114.6	125.1	158.4	158.4	125.2	120.1	120.5
June qtr	119.6	108.4	90.1	115.0	123.8	159.4	162.7	124.8	119.9	120.2
September qtr	119.8	108.5	88.7	114.6	124.6	158.6	157.3	126.0	119.5	119.7
December qtr	119.7	109.2	86.9	115.4	124.4	161.2	162.2	126.2	119.8	120.0
1998										
March qtr	120.7	109.0	84.1	115.1	122.1	162.0	163.6	129.4	119.6	120.3

Note: Base of each group: year 1989–90=100.0

Source: Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0) (quarterly).

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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING—MELBOURNE

Group	1997			1998			Weighted average of six state capital cities—Mar qtr 1998
	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97	Sep qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	
House building							
All groups	115.9	115.4	115.3	116.1	116.6	117.6	118.7
Other than house building							
Structural timber	123.0	116.1	110.1	114.4	115.3	115.8	123.0
Clay bricks	112.3	112.1	113.1	116.1	116.1	119.6	115.5
Ready mix concrete	124.2	118.6	111.5	111.2	111.4	111.5	106.9
Precast concrete products	104.8	108.1	110.3	111.8	112.4	115.0	120.7
Steel decking and cladding	106.5	109.9	109.2	110.4	110.5	108.3	114.5
Structural steel	95.3	100.9	104.2	105.1	105.1	104.7	112.9
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	101.8	102.7	100.7	100.6	100.8	100.8	112.7
Aluminium windows	98.8	100.8	100.6	100.4	100.7	99.2	108.8
Fabricated steel products	110.7	113.1	116.7	119.3	119.5	120.6	116.5
Builders' hardware	113.7	114.5	116.5	118.6	119.5	119.8	120.8
Sand and aggregate	118.5	114.6	115.9	116.4	116.4	116.0	121.2
Carpet	98.5	101.6	101.6	102.9	102.9	102.9	103.5
Paint and other coatings	131.2	141.2	145.8	143.5	143.5	143.5	135.4
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	100.8	112.2	111.5	113.8	118.7	110.2	135.4
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	108.5	109.7	110.0	110.6	110.9	110.9	141.1
All electrical materials	113.5	119.4	112.0	110.4	109.8	110.3	115.3
All mechanical services	108.9	114.1	114.9	114.8	114.8	114.6	115.2
All plumbing materials	112.6	118.9	120.1	121.6	124.3	122.8	129.5
All groups	108.9	111.1	110.9	111.2	111.3	111.4	114.1

Note: Base of each index: year 1989–90=100.0.

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0) (quarterly). Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0) (quarterly).

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS

	<i>Cattle</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Chickens</i>
<i>Period</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>
1994-95	1 467.3	635.6	3 229.6	6 303.2	1 196.9	77 193.1
1995-96	1 523.6	589.8	2 488.0	5 897.7	1 142.1	85 410.9
1996-97 p	1 675.9	697.3	2 806.6	5 978.9	1 197.3	86 732.6
1997 p						
February	148.6	6.5	306.1	460.5	96.9	6 863.8
March	131.0	15.9	235.6	466.5	90.3	6 520.7
April	165.4	42.4	262.4	559.6	111.2	7 244.5
May	155.0	55.8	226.7	519.1	113.5	6 867.5
June	139.3	75.1	175.8	475.1	105.4	6 692.3
July	148.3	105.2	192.3	541.0	118.8	8 263.5
August	132.2	185.5	195.8	452.2	104.2	7 152.4
September	129.4	178.5	234.5	537.6	108.1	7 546.2
October	147.3	80.0	322.7	582.7	107.9	8 442.6
November	140.6	28.3	310.1	565.1	98.9	7 187.8
December	163.9	11.8	340.5	583.1	115.7	8 240.7
1998 p						
January	165.3	11.1	339.3	539.2	104.7	8 063.1
February	159.4	8.3	419.6	473.3	102.4	7 695.9
March	158.9	21.3	361.8	500.4	120.4	8 175.4
April	158.5	31.3	278.4	539.8	125.7	8 538.9

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly).

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MEAT PRODUCTION

	<i>Meat (carcass weight)</i>					<i>Dressed weight of chickens</i>
	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pigmeat</i>	
<i>Period</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>
1994-95	335 059	14 428	64 440	111 202	84 728	109 515
1995-96	348 649	12 009	50 910	110 172	83 052	127 736
1996-97 p	373 818	14 293	55 545	111 403	85 872	129 930
1997 p						
February	33 272	170	5 930	8 730	6 845	11 030
March	28 959	359	4 484	8 813	6 322	9 188
April	36 393	891	5 005	10 666	7 982	10 256
May	33 598	1 102	4 315	9 849	8 245	10 367
June	30 312	1 442	3 474	9 036	7 694	9 999
July	31 773	2 060	3 733	10 112	8 594	13 039
August	28 256	3 658	3 773	8 498	7 596	10 842
September	28 241	3 565	4 663	10 001	7 943	11 910
October	31 971	1 618	6 521	10 759	8 003	13 479
November	30 971	638	6 189	10 558	7 211	11 500
December	35 616	286	6 861	11 001	8 100	13 215
1998 p						
January	35 728	281	6 505	10 135	7 577	13 076
February	35 579	205	8 193	8 753	7 393	12 372
March	35 013	454	6 917	9 248	8 702	13 438
April	33 424	656	5 050	10 144	9 104	13 519

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0) (monthly).

Period	New dwelling units(a)							Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building(b)		
	Private sector		Public sector		Total(c)		Conversions etc.(d)		Private sector	Total	Total all building
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m					
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION											
1995-95	20 916	2 113.1	888	69.8	21 804	2 182.9	1 330	571.9	1 072.3	1 655.8	4 410.6
1995-96	15 676	1 624.3	1 068	86.5	16 744	1 710.8	617	467.2	1 352.5	1 934.5	4 112.5
1996-97	19 648	2 183.1	447	35.8	20 095	2 218.9	1 189	592.3	1 527.1	2 303.0	5 114.1
1997											
February	1 736	188.4	9	0.6	1 745	189.0	223	65.0	140.2	272.0	525.9
March	1 848	195.1	12	1.2	1 860	196.3	36	50.7	150.7	184.1	431.1
April	1 823	199.4	56	5.8	1 879	205.2	76	51.8	129.6	156.8	413.9
May	1 963	241.9	23	1.2	1 986	243.2	70	49.0	106.4	136.6	428.8
June	1 744	214.5	4	0.2	1 748	214.6	300	74.2	103.0	351.4	640.2
July	1 998	216.9	38	1.9	2 036	218.9	25	51.1	132.1	176.2	446.2
August	2 468	253.7	78	7.4	2 546	261.1	55	54.2	122.8	142.0	457.3
September	2 152	239.1	57	3.8	2 209	242.9	222	68.5	173.5	192.1	503.6
October	1 802	203.3	77	7.0	1 879	210.3	64	69.0	180.0	238.3	517.6
November	2 450	291.7	71	4.9	2 521	296.6	52	49.1	195.8	213.6	559.3
December	2 072	232.1	71	6.1	2 143	238.2	60	43.6	440.7	450.6	732.3
1998											
January	1 855	230.7	23	1.5	1 878	232.2	74	44.2	174.2	203.1	479.5
February	2 032	219.7	25	2.0	2 057	221.6	65	56.1	137.7	165.8	443.4
March	2 633	288.3	11	0.7	2 644	289.0	77	69.3	104.0	117.6	475.9
April	2 487	297.1	55	3.6	2 542	300.7	47	66.1	172.9	254.2	621.0
TOTAL VICTORIA											
1994-95	28 509	2 772.2	1 409	101.8	29 918	2 874.0	1 347	685.1	1 274.7	1 975.2	5 534.3
1995-96	21 643	2 171.1	1 401	108.7	23 044	2 279.7	663	590.1	1 721.6	2 452.4	5 322.3
1996-97	26 041	2 793.3	596	46.7	26 610	2 839.9	1 240	728.5	1 879.7	2 839.8	6 408.2
1997											
February	2 274	239.7	17	1.1	2 291	240.8	225	76.8	173.1	359.4	677.0
March	2 407	249.8	12	1.2	2 419	251.0	37	63.1	180.8	225.1	539.2
April	2 380	254.5	77	7.3	2 457	261.8	80	63.5	202.0	237.0	562.3
May	2 565	298.9	37	2.2	2 602	301.1	74	62.5	135.6	178.3	541.9
June	2 255	264.5	11	0.6	2 266	265.0	302	84.6	120.3	382.1	731.8
July	2 563	275.5	42	2.3	2 605	277.8	27	62.9	161.8	227.9	568.6
August	3 084	316.0	79	7.7	3 163	323.7	57	65.7	159.5	184.5	573.9
September	2 824	307.6	113	7.2	2 937	314.8	225	83.6	209.9	242.2	640.6
October	2 505	273.8	112	9.2	2 617	283.0	64	84.4	204.8	279.2	646.7
November	3 083	354.6	110	7.5	3 193	362.1	54	60.1	213.5	247.3	669.5
December	2 675	293.5	90	7.9	2 765	301.4	65	55.6	456.7	470.2	827.2
1998											
January	2 305	278.0	57	3.7	2 362	281.7	77	56.7	201.7	234.1	572.6
February	2 620	278.5	71	6.0	2 691	284.5	66	67.3	158.3	222.6	574.5
March	3 413	369.6	49	3.4	3 462	373.0	84	83.1	129.9	148.5	604.6
April	3 154	363.8	110	7.2	3 264	371.0	49	77.8	201.2	302.7	751.5

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

(c) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(d) Dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

Source: Building Approvals, Victoria (Cat. no. 8731.2) (monthly).

Period	New houses				New other residential buildings			
	Approved	Commenced	Under Construction	Completed	Approved	Commenced	Under Construction	Completed
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
1994-95	25 885	25 846	10 668	27 380	4 033	3 612	2 765	2 892
1995-96	18 889	19 399	8 066	21 883	4 155	4 276	3 906	3 086
1996-97	19 805	18 652	8 937	17 613	6 805	6 047	4 151	5 727
1996								
September qtr	4 631	4 453	8 623	3 848	1 876	1 722	4 111	1 480
December qtr	4 456	4 139	7 624	5 081	1 524	1 238	4 046	1 294
1997								
March qtr	4 924	4 597	8 176	3 997	1 874	1 560	4 046	1 553
June qtr	5 794	5 463	8 937	4 687	1 531	1 527	4 151	1 400
September qtr	6 732	r 5717	r 9537	r 5102	1 973	r 1822	r 3874	2 036
December qtr	6 821	7 051	10 803	5 737	1 754	1 864	4 052	1 682

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

Period	Residential buildings		Non-residential buildings						Total
	New	Alterations and additions	Shops	Factories	Offices	Education	Health	Other	
\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
COMMENCED									
1994-95	2 907.7	678.6	323.4	211.4	384.2	293.3	140.8	583.8	5 523.2
1995-96	2 486.2	679.7	444.3	249.2	393.5	330	108.4	953.5	5 644.8
1996-97	2 692.2	761	348.2	343.8	508.5	410.3	303.6	1 003.3	6 371.1
1996									
September qtr	648.1	152.8	90.4	95.9	179.1	70.7	101.9	129.9	1 468.8
December qtr	587.6	184.3	72.3	80.4	111.1	66.2	49.8	275.6	1 427.3
1997									
March qtr	666.8	188.9	88.3	93.2	114	59.4	48.5	228.4	1 487.5
June qtr	789.7	235	97.2	74.4	104.3	214.1	103.4	369.6	1 987.6
September qtr	845.8	228.4	80.4	58.3	123.8	55.2	46.1	245.8	1 683.7
December qtr	1 014.3	212.2	123.4	80.8	91.7	69.2	90.7	570.2	2 252.4
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD									
1994-95	1 450.8	354.3	480.6	142.9	241.9	217.3	251.0	1 092.6	4 231.4
1995-96	1 472.5	339.4	235.5	141.4	139.2	248.1	123.9	1 390.9	4 091.0
1996-97	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6
1996									
September qtr	1 513.8	297.3	275.5	199.4	199.4	262.2	146.2	1 426.4	4 320.3
December qtr	1 402.4	284.5	249.8	183.6	201.8	224.3	157.9	1 594.5	4 298.8
1997									
March qtr	1 456.0	309.3	237.7	227.1	228.6	188.1	172.5	1 801.3	4 620.4
June qtr	1 582.3	358.5	284.6	214.9	233.4	310.0	236.2	1 741.7	4 961.6
September qtr	1 669.2	388.8	175.4	167.4	193.9	343.2	245.6	920.7	4 104.1
December qtr	1 820.3	398.1	187.5	158.1	195.1	364.9	303.5	1 278.0	4 705.7
COMPLETED									
1994-95	2 882.5	709.8	313.6	253.1	290.7	228.8	387.3	521.5	5 587.3
1995-96	2 489.6	689.0	715.1	249.9	514.1	302.2	234.7	844.4	6 038.9
1996-97	2 617.6	768.5	364.8	295.6	404.0	342.0	194.6	1 106.7	6 093.8
1996									
September qtr	606.0	204.1	85.6	41.5	119.6	55.7	79.2	175.6	1 367.4
December qtr	710.6	200.5	106.0	110.8	79.2	103.1	39.0	220.4	1 569.5
1997									
March qtr	616.3	168.6	121.2	56.9	100.5	88.1	34.8	271.0	1 457.4
June qtr	684.7	195.3	52.0	86.5	104.6	95.0	41.5	439.9	1 699.5
September qtr	775.5	202.9	193.1	114.5	169.9	30.8	39.6	1 101.1	2 627.5
December qtr	870.6	210.0	111.8	93.3	100.4	49.9	36.1	230.7	1 702.9

Source: Building Activity, Victoria (Cat. no. 8752.2) (quarterly).

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PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRIES AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
ACTUAL						
1995-96	590	3 544	6 160	10 294	3 126	7 168
1996-97	758	3 447	7 290	11 496	3 379	8 117
1996						
December qtr	301	987	1 862	3 150	1 039	2 110
1997						
March qtr	162	772	1 613	2 547	789	1 758
June qtr	170	880	2 176	3 226	761	2 465
September qtr	164	775	1 563	2 502	694	1 807
December qtr r	r 295	r 906	r 1 898	r 3 099	r 784	r 2 314
1998						
March qtr	163	756	1 554	2 472	642	1 830
EXPECTED						
1997-98	1 265	3 244	6 263	10 772	2 997	7 775
1998-99	872	2 400	5 644	8 915	3 038	5 877

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0) (quarterly).

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COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Month	Fixed loan facilities							Type of lender		
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of plant and equipment	Wholesale	Other	Total	Revolving credit facilities	Total commitments	Banks	All other lenders
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1997										
February	77.4	310.8	140.1	74.6	316.8	919.6	1 711.3	2 630.9	2 159.6	471.3
March	92.8	369.0	183.2	84.8	707.3	1 437.2	1 113.6	2 550.8	2 203.7	347.1
April	76.8	355.2	166.4	79.3	443.5	1 121.3	2 092.8	3 214.1	2 862.2	387.9
May	78.7	738.2	154.5	90.2	863.5	1 925.1	2 425.8	4 350.9	3 738.8	612.1
June	75.4	408.9	172.8	120.2	824.8	1 602.2	2 232.2	3 834.4	2 929.6	904.8
July	134.1	439.1	178.7	148.9	1 162.2	2 063.0	2 470.0	4 533.0	3 757.0	776.0
August	98.8	411.9	168.5	93.7	692.8	1 465.7	2 193.6	3 659.3	2 827.0	832.3
September	153.7	500.3	179.2	124.4	583.9	1 541.6	2 560.3	4 101.9	3 545.9	556.0
October	93.0	549.4	279.7	222.0	471.8	1 615.9	2 512.8	4 128.7	3 180.7	948.0
November	77.4	463.8	138.3	81.2	525.1	1 285.9	1 475.9	2 761.9	2 279.0	482.9
December	167.1	539.6	164.7	123.8	1 729.9	2 725.0	1 862.3	4 587.3	3 996.0	591.3
1998										
January	76.8	r 483.4	121.9	83.1	372.6	r 1 137.8	1 359.6	r 2 497.4	2 154.8	r 342.6
February	116.4	r 425.5	119.7	118.4	722.3	r 1 502.3	2 150.7	r 3 653.0	2 757.5	r 895.5
March	220.0	r 448.0	154.4	r 91.2	r 505.2	r 1 418.8	r 1 772.9	r 3 191.7	r 2 502.2	r 689.5
April	75.1	411.9	121.4	90.5	744.2	1 443.2	2 033.0	3 476.2	2 496.7	979.5

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS, DWELLING UNITS

Month	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1997						
February	8 759	818	9 021	857	9 214	881
March	8 634	839	9 172	914	9 352	907
April	10 637	1 031	9 778	954	9 510	936
May	10 302	1 018	9 796	972	9 635	960
June	10 081	1 022	9 784	992	9 733	982
July	10 199	1 039	9 564	955	r 9 803	r 1 003
August	9 890	1 031	9 777	1 040	r 9 858	r 1 022
September	10 063	1 060	10 138	1 047	r 9 926	1 041
October	10 529	1 109	9 927	1 051	r 10 025	1 059
November	9 583	1 019	10 074	1 091	r 10 116	r 1 071
December	10 192	1 090	10 086	1 054	r 10 156	r 1 073
1998						
January r	8 187	878	10 393	1 089	10 138	1 067
February r	9 961	1 028	10 242	1 076	10 085	1 058
March r	10 169	1 078	9 845	1 026	10 008	1 048
April	9 805	1 013	9 711	1 018	9 933	1 037

Source: Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0) (monthly).

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RETAIL TURNOVER, BY INDUSTRY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)

Month	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1997								
March	1 084.0	214.3	143.1	319.9	142.2	229.8	326.0	2 459.1
April	1 053.7	212.6	173.4	325.2	147.0	242.5	310.7	2 465.2
May	1 104.6	241.0	169.8	327.6	141.1	254.6	304.8	2 543.5
June	1 028.5	200.4	147.1	333.1	134.8	235.7	288.4	2 367.9
July	1 069.4	226.3	164.2	331.4	139.6	254.6	305.0	2 490.5
August	1 069.6	198.2	148.1	336.7	144.1	268.8	307.6	2 473.0
September	1 047.4	226.6	154.5	325.1	151.6	272.7	304.8	2 482.6
October	1 124.7	232.6	168.7	372.2	162.6	271.5	328.4	2 660.7
November	1 101.1	272.3	178.6	373.3	169.4	264.6	320.6	2 679.9
December	1 256.5	465.3	245.5	482.2	250.5	383.6	371.9	3 455.3
1998								
January	1 128.9	214.2	155.6	320.1	158.6	254.7	339.4	2 571.5
February	1 022.6	174.2	134.6	280.6	142.7	236.5	297.0	2 288.3
March	1 085.9	208.9	163.8	300.6	150.8	272.9	339.1	2 522.0
April	1 079.1	246.6	189.2	288.6	139.6	281.7	340.2	2 565.1
May	1 093.9	238.9	198.6	304.9	137.6	271.5	344.5	2 589.8

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0) (monthly).

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EXPORTS AND IMPORTS, BY SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN EXPORT AND IMPORT CLASSIFICATIONS

Section	1996-97		11 months ending May 1998	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food	1 002	3 674	1 057	3 314
1 Beverages and tobacco	103	124	117	146
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)	536	1 739	510	1 745
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	934	887	717	859
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	95	83	86	104
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.	2 478	877	2 697	828
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material	3 706	2 323	3 927	2 214
7 Machinery and transport equipment	10 956	3 392	11 285	2 710
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4 351	992	4 589	932
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c	932	2 218	1 210	1 879
Total	25 093	16 308	26 195	14 730

Source: Foreign Trade Australia: Fasttraccs Database.

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OVERSEAS TRADE, MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS(a)

Country	1995-96		1996-97		11 months ending May 1998	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Belgium-Luxembourg	253	74	242	66	226	82
Brazil	174	77	125	81	122	66
Canada	453	101	394	123	358	112
China	1 675	641	1 755	658	1 992	580
Fiji	60	215	119	236	120	217
Finland	239	9	169	8	176	10
France	536	143	711	162	577	159
Germany	1 994	264	1 923	280	1 928	239
Hong Kong	241	821	267	812	310	996
India	234	139	231	239	237	174
Indonesia	378	367	507	428	553	313
Italy	807	249	832	320	866	378
Japan	3 429	1 952	3 097	1 525	3 474	1 548
Korea, Republic of	634	1 921	671	2 098	757	1 009
Malaysia	458	737	508	669	599	490
Mexico	55	43	64	52	70	71
Netherlands	233	60	237	39	230	74
New Zealand	1 207	1 598	1 247	2 140	1 190	1 431
Pakistan	72	77	75	55	91	82
Papua New Guinea	128	237	232	269	150	216
Philippines	117	339	108	372	124	354
Saudi Arabia	225	194	203	168	96	197
Singapore	571	1 162	468	893	448	929
South Africa	83	207	100	292	134	241
Sweden	591	69	502	65	547	38
Switzerland	288	45	241	66	247	21
Taiwan	773	663	792	696	788	618
Thailand	322	513	335	412	358	317
United Kingdom	1 502	373	1 635	416	1 537	410
United States of America	5 839	788	5 944	958	6 397	1 429
Other and unknown	1 092	1 332	1 359	1 710	1 493	1 929
Total	24 663	15 410	25 093	16 308	26 195	14 730

(a) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria. Information about Victoria's trade with other countries is available on request.

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE—VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Period	Victoria			Australia		
	Imports	Exports	Excess of exports	Imports	Exports (including re-exports)	Excess of exports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1994–95	23 967	13 008	–10 959	74 619	67 052	–7 567
1995–96	24 663	15 410	–9 253	77 792	76 005	–1 787
1996–97	25 093	16 308	–8 785	78 998	78 938	–60
1997						
March	1 865	1 397	–468	5 985	6 634	649
April	2 165	1 346	–819	6 749	6 638	–111
May	2 025	1 992	–33	6 448	7 631	1 183
June	2 064	1 324	–740	6 876	6 838	–38
July	2 361	r 1 287	r –1 074	7 419	r 7 130	r –289
August	2 264	1 185	–1 079	7 048	r 7 186	r 138
September	2 338	r 1 345	r –993	7 355	r 7 204	r –151
October	2 604	1 421	–1 183	7 944	r 7 627	r –317
November	r 2 263	r 1 541	r –722	r 7 184	7 632	r 448
December	r 2 425	1 509	r –916	r 7 915	r 7 819	r –96
1998						
January	2 269	r 1 093	r –1 176	r 7 110	r 6 299	r –811
February	r 2 294	r 1 378	r –916	r 6 958	r 6 669	r –289
March	2 618	r 1 356	r –1 262	r 8 190	r 7 310	r –880
April	2 363	r 1 215	r –1 148	r 7 442	r 7 198	r –244
May	2 396	1 400	–996	7 673	7 971	298

Source: Overseas Trade: Fasttraccs Database.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION—MELBOURNE AND VICTORIA

Period	Hotels, motels, etc. with facilities				Short-term caravan parks			
	Establish-ments	Capacity, guest rooms	Room occupancy rates	Takings from accommodation	Establish-ments	Capacity, sites and cabins	Site occupancy rates	Takings from accommodation
	no.	no.	%	\$'000	no.	no.	%	\$'000
MELBOURNE STATISTICAL DIVISION								
1996								
September qtr	239	14 440	66	100 835	53	5 728	44	1 771
December qtr	241	14 509	71	114 046	52	5 877	51	2 262
1997								
March qtr	240	14 456	74	125 553	52	5 899	59	2 368
June qtr	240	14 953	67	111 910	52	5 878	46	1 618
September qtr	249	15 142	67	119 066	51	5 689	46	1 785
December qtr	247	15 253	70	127 777	51	5 700	53	2 297
TOTAL VICTORIA								
1996								
September qtr	1 013	29 877	52	141 778	441	54 226	36	12 239
December qtr	1 013	29 918	56	152 611	441	54 390	41	17 402
1997								
March qtr	1 012	29 869	60	169 396	442	54 394	49	21 407
June qtr	1 012	30 325	53	148 700	440	54 056	39	12 340
September qtr	1 046	30 799	53	163 681	442	53 873	37	13 513
December qtr	1 040	30 904	56	168 260	441	54 226	36	12 239

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Victoria (Cat. no. 8635.2) (quarterly).

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